IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Bryan A. SLAVIN

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Non-final Office Action (Office Action) dated **March 10, 2004**, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims), and any other fee deficiency, are hereby authorized to be charged, or any overpayments credited, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin at Page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin at Page 11 of this paper and include formal replacement sheets.

Remarks begin at Page 12 of this paper.